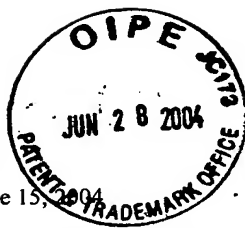


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ELECTION AND AMENDMENT "B"

Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the Office action dated June 15, 2004 (Part of Paper No./Mail Date 20040614). The one (1) month period for responding to the Office action expires on June 15, 2004.

Please amend the above-identified application in the following manner.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

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